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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC SY PINS (BATES, JONATHAN)

SUBJ: BATES CASE

REF: STATE 91246

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, CONSOFF PHONED CARDILLI IN DAMASCUS (FIRST TELEPHONE CONTACT SINCE MAY 4) WHO ADVISED THAT " APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY" (PRESUMABLY SHOUFFI OF SYRIAN FONOFF) HAD INFORMED CARDILLI THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO OBTAIN PERMISSION PROFESSOR BATES ATTEND SON' S NEXT HEARING, JUNE 7, AND THAT PREVIOUS PERMISSION (OCT 1972) FATHER VISIT JONATHAN IN PRISON STILL VALID. CARDILLI THEREFORE RECOMMENDS PROFESSOR BATES, IF HE ABLE TRAVEL DAMASCUS, ARRIVE A FEW DAYS BEFORE JUNE 7.

2. CARDILLI INFORMED US THAT IF LOCAL SITUATION HOLDS HE PLANS VISIT BEIRUT END OF THIS WEEK AT WHICH TIME HE WILL GIVE FURTHER OPINION ON PROPOSED VISIT BY PROFESSOR BATES. INCIDENTALLY, CARDILLI STATED DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO DAMASCUS EXCLUDED FROM LEBANESE/ SYRIAN BORDER CLOSING.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD ADD TO ABOVE THAT IF LOCAL LEBANESE
SITUATION DEGENERATES PROFESSOR BATES NOT ADVISED STOP
BEIRUT EN ROUTE TO DAMASCUS BUT PERHAPS MAKE PLANS TRAVEL
DIRECTLY TO SYRIAN CAPITAL BY AIR. EVEN WITH FONOFF
PERMISSION VISIT SON, PROFESSOR PROBABLY NOT ABLE
ENTER SYRIA THROUGH LEBANON IF BORDER CLOSED.
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